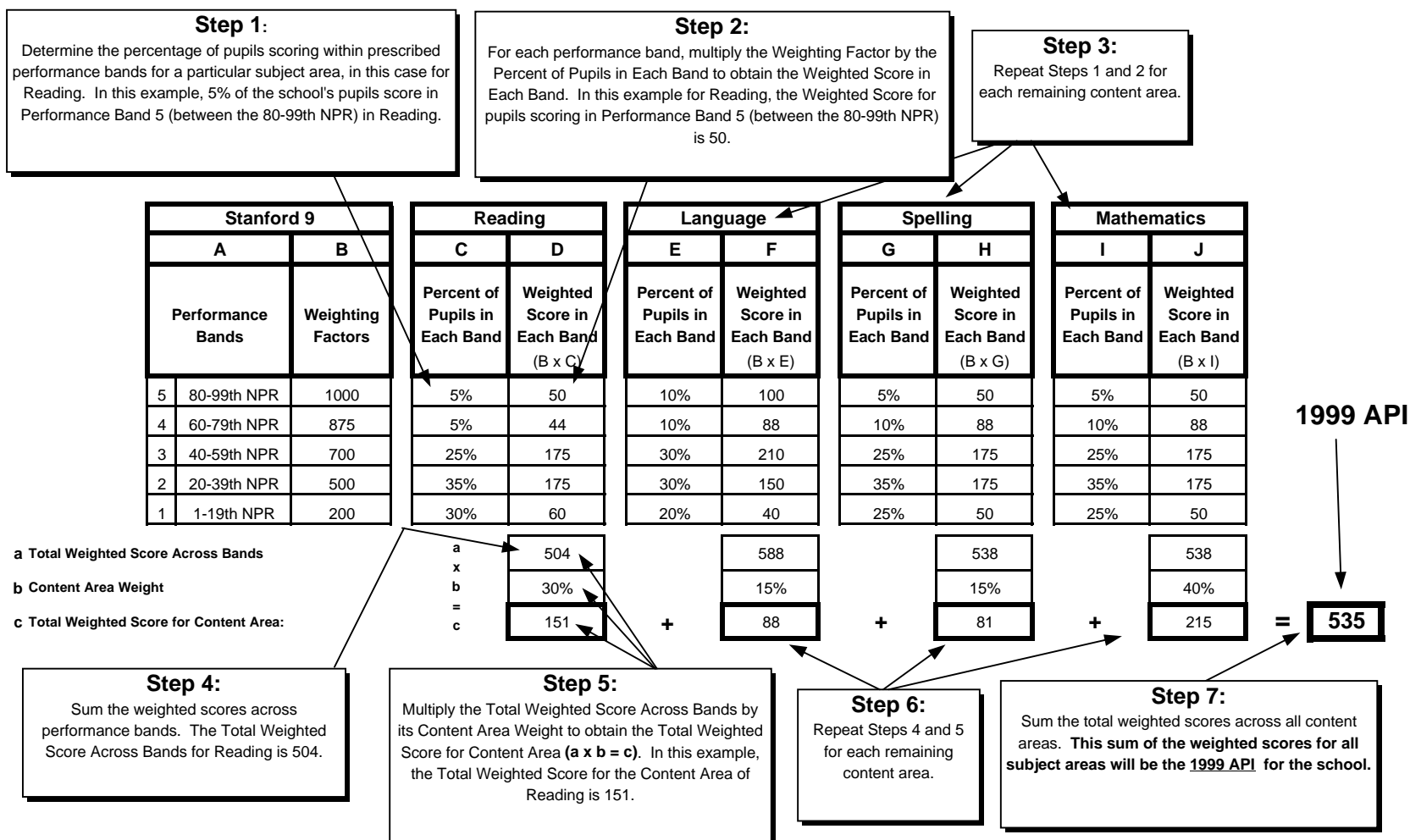


FIGURE 1

How to Calculate the 1999 API for an Elementary or Middle School

The 1999 Academic Performance Index (API) for an elementary or middle school is based on the Stanford 9 scores in Reading, Language, Spelling, and Mathematics for grades 2-8 from the Spring 1999 administration. Schools must have valid Stanford 9 test scores from at least 100 pupils to obtain an API score.

Inclusion/Exclusion Rules: A record is excluded if (1) the pupil first attended the district in the current year as indicated on the STAR header sheet, (2) the test administration accommodation for the pupil is more than one grade out of level, or (3) any of the following four test administration accommodations are marked "yes" for all content areas: Braille, large print test and a large print answer sheet, revised test format, or use of aids and/or aides. A particular content area of a record is excluded if (1) the percentile rank for that content area is not between 1 and 99 or (2) the test administration accommodation for that content area is marked "yes" for any of the four reasons under #3 above.



NPR = National Percentile Rank